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SUMMARY: ON MARCH 20 THE NADREPS TURNED DOWN THE US
PROPOSAL TO PRESENT A BRIEFING ON AIMVAL TO THE CNAD, BUT
AGREED TO A US INTERVENTION ON THE ACTIVITIES OF NAFAG
SUBGROUP 16 AND ON THE IMPORTANCE OF ACHIEVING AN EARLY
STAGE B CROSS-SERVICING CAPABILITY. END SUMMARY.

1. ON MARCH 20 AFTER THE COMPLETION OF THE TAD DISCUSSIONS
NADREPS TURNED TO U.S. PROPOSED ADDITIONS TO THE CNAD AGEN-
DA. ASYG WALSH CALLED NADREPS ATTENTION TO THE MARCH 17
LETTER FROM THE U.S. NADREP WHICH FORWARDED THE U.S. PRO-
POSALS (REF TEL).

2. WALSH SAID HE COULD KEEP SHORT AGENDA ITEM VII ON THE
LTDP TO ALLOW TIME FOR THE AIMVAL BRIEFING. THE BELGIAN
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REP SAID NADREPS SHOULD NOT MAKE JUDGEMENTS ON THE LENGTH
OF THE LTDP OR TAD PORTIONS OF THE AGENDA. HE PROPOSED
THAT THE AIMVAL BRIEFING BE DELAYED UNTIL THE FALL CNAD.
THE NETHERLANDS REP AGREED. HE SAID THAT TASK FORCE 5 HAS
ADDRESSED THE IFF PROBLEM AND THAT ALL THE NADS ARE AWARE
OF THE NEED FOR IMPROVED IFF. THE U.S. REP SAID THAT THE
AIMVAL TESTS OFFER A NEW LOOK AT THIS PROBLEM AS WELL AS

RESULTS WHICH WILL HAVE AN IMPORTANT BEARING ON THE REQUIRED CAPABILITIES OF FUTURE AIR-TO-AIR MISSILES.

3. THE NORWEGIAN REP SUPPORTED THE BELGIAN AND NETHERLANDS REPS SAYING THAT THE CNAD AGENDA IS ALREADY FULL AND THAT THERE WOULD NOT BE TIME FOR ADDITIONAL ITEMS. THE CANADIAN REP INTERVENED TO SAY THAT HISTORICALLY, THE CNAD HAD NOT RECEIVED WELL PRESENTATIONS OF THIS TYPE. HE ADDED A CONCERN OVER THE ALREADY TIGHT CNAD AGENDA.

4. THE DIRECTOR OF ARMAMENTS AND DEFENSE RESEARCH PROPOSED THAT THE U.S. FIRST MAKE THE PRESENTATION TO THE NAFAG IN JUNE AND THEN TO THE TSGCEE BECAUSE OF ITS IFF ASPECT. THE CNAD COULD TASK THOSE GROUPS TO REPORT THEIR FINDINGS TO THE FALL CNAD. THE NADREPS AGREED WITH THIS SUGGESTION.

5. TURNING TO THE U.S. PROPOSED ITEM ON STAGE B CROSS-SERVICING, WALSH ASKED THE U.S. REP HOW HE SAW THIS DISCUSSION PROCEEDING. THE U.S. REP SAID THAT THE U.S. WAS PREPARED TO COVER IN ABOUT 15 MINUTES BOTH RECENT ACTIVITIES OF THE NAFAG SUBGROUP 16 AND TO BRIEF NADS ON SOME RECENT U.S. ANALYSIS WHICH HIGHLIGHTS THE IMPORTANCE OF ACHIEVING AN EARLY STAGE B CAPABILITY. WALSH COUNTERED THAT IT WOULD BE BETTER FOR THE U.S. REP TO MAKE AN INTERVENTION, RATHER THAN TO PLACE THIS ITEM ON THE AGENDA AS A SEPARATE ITEM. THE U.S. REP AGREED WITH THIS APPROACH.

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6. THE NETHERLANDS REP SAID THESE PRESENTATIONS SHOULD BE MADE IN THE SUBGROUP, SUCH AS SUBGROUP 16. IT WOULD BE MUCH BETTER TO ALLOW THE SUBGROUPS AND THE MAIN GROUP TO ADDRESS THESE ITEMS BEFORE THEY ARE PRESENTED TO THE CNAD. WALSH SAID HE THOUGHT THE U.S. COULD GIVE THE PRESENTATION, BUT HE ASSUMED IT WOULD NOT INCLUDE SLIDES OR CHARTS. THE BELGIAN REP AGREED THAT ANY NAD CAN TAKE THE FLOOR IF HE DESIRES TO DO SO, BUT HE POINTED OUT AGAIN THAT THE SCHEDULE IS ALREADY FULL.

7. THE CANADIAN REP SUPPORTED THE IDEA OF A U.S. INTERVENTION ON THIS SUBJECT BECAUSE THE CONCERN OVER INTEROPERABILITY OF AIRCRAFT AND THEIR WEAPONS AND STAGE B CROSS-SERVICING AROSE FROM THE WORK OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON EQUIPMENT INTEROPERABILITY. THE IDEAS MAY BE OF INTEREST TO THE COUNCIL AND COULD BE INCLUDED IN THE CNAD REPORT TO THE COUNCIL.

8. THUS THE NADREPS AGREED TO THE U.S. INTERVENTION UNDER AGENDA ITEM IV ON STATUS OF ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN BY THE MAIN GROUPS. BENNETT

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